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ELECTION DAY

Monday, April 4th, is the general spring election day. At that time there will be elected two justices of the Supreme court, two regents of the University, a Superintendent of Public Instruction, two members of the State Board of Agriculture, a member of the State Board of Education, and a state highway commissioner. These are amongst the most important officers of the state, because they deal directly with the public welfare.

We are prone to complain of court decisions, find fault with educational plans and institutions, and growl about the roads, but we have no right to do so unless we take an interest in and exercise the right of franchise in the election of these public servants. We all have an equal responsibility in maintaining the government at a high standard, and the vote is the most effective way in which to do it. We complain of a government by the few, but it is our own fault if that condition prevails.

In the city of Alma, the men who will manage all the business affairs of the city during the next two years are to be elected. It will be their duty to levy and collect taxes as well as to spend the money so raised.

At the primary election less than thirty per cent of the people in Alma who have the right of franchise exercised it, and this has been dubbed as a government of the few, but it was the fault of those who stayed at home and failed to vote. Thirty per cent voted and controlled the nominations while seventy per cent stayed at home. And that seventy per cent have nothing to complain of except their own negligence and lack of interest in the very vital matter of spending their own money. If next Monday, only thirty per cent vote, it will again occur that the officers of the city are elected by a minority, and the majority will have no right to complain about anything except their own carelessness.

There is an opportunity for choice for all the important offices and good and reputable citizens have been placed in nomination. It is also undoubtedly true that these men would prefer to be elected by a large vote rather than a small one. It will give them the feeling that they are the representatives of all the people and acting in behalf of the majority instead of a small minority.

There are many perplexing and important matters to be settled in Alma during the next two years, questions in which we all are equally interested. The management of city affairs is of great importance. An adequate supply of pure water is of vital concern. The building of streets and sidewalks and the extension of sewers needs attention. Maintaining of law and order and enforcement of police regulations requires men of courage and judgment. Still many other things might be mentioned, but the purpose of this article is to call attention to the fact that the election is a matter of such importance that no man or woman interested in the welfare of the city, and the management of city affairs, should fail to vote. Every voter should go to the polls and register his choice.

EASTER TIME

We have just passed through the observation and celebration of Easter time. Special religious services were held in all parts of the county. Programs were arranged, and yet we wonder how many seriously considered the real significance of Easter time, the occasion of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, upon which resurrection is founded our faith.

If Christ arose from the dead and appeared again alive as is recorded in the Bible, then our faith is well founded. If he did not rise from the dead, then we are celebrating a myth. No well informed person can doubt the reality of Christ as the son of God, or disbelieve the story of His resurrection from the dead. That being true, it is very fitting that we should observe the anniversary of his resurrection by honoring His memory, for as a result of that resurrection, the entire religious trend of the world changed, and humanity was greatly benefitted.

The observance of Good Friday should be a matter of sacred duty, because it is commemorative of the day when Jesus was crucified, and for three hours hung on the cross until he died of exhaustion that his sacrifice might redeem the world from wickedness. That sacrifice was made for all mankind, not only those who lived at that time, but for all succeeding generations.

A movement has lately been started for closer observance of Good Friday and all Easter week and we believe that it is a movement that will have a tendency to make us all better citizens. Every thinking man and woman must realize that the life and teachings of Jesus have made the world a better place to live in and that the closer we follow those teachings, the better citizens we will become, and the less sin and wickedness there will be in the world.

We get so tired of reading of divorce, robbery, holdups, murders and such like of things in every newspaper that we pick up that we feel like throwing up our hands and asking with everybody else, "What is the world coming to?" But if we read history we soon discover that this is not a situation peculiar to our own times, but rather one that has existed since the beginning of the world, more common in some periods, less in others. However, while this discovery may relieve our minds somewhat, it does not lessen the seriousness of the condition or the danger to society which always exists from these sources. It is up to us as individuals and as organizations, as a state and as a nation to use every means in our power to reduce this condition to a minimum through severe enforcement of present day laws, and the enactment of new ones when necessary, through education, more careful supervision of our children during the period of their development, in fact in every possible way. The situation right now is very serious at best and should be regarded in that light.

To early learn the power of concentration is exceedingly valuable to any individual. The student in grammar school, high school, or college who has learned this art can save himself an endless amount of time and make a much better showing than the student who has not learned how to do it. This same fact is true concerning men or women in any walk of life. Concentration upon the task at hand, no matter what it may be, until the task is completed and can be dismissed entirely from one's mind, prevents a scattering of attention, a dissipation of energy, much worry and loss of nerve force, and enables the individual to live up to his or her promises, free his mind from a haunting sense of work undone, and take time for real recreation, to say nothing of accomplishing a much larger volume of work in a smaller amount of time.

Last year an Elwell farmer wanted a range, and had a chance to get a good one for \$100.00 and pay for it with a hundred bushels of oats. But he waited for stoves to go down in price or for oats to go up, or for the need to become more imperative. This year he found that he could wait no longer but must have the stove which he secured for \$125.00 and it only took 390 bushels of oats at thirty-two cents per bushel to pay for it. He is now wondering where he will get the money to pay his income and excess profits tax.

STRAND THEATRE

More than the usual interest attaches to the announcement of the forthcoming engagement of James Oliver Curwood's "Nomads of the North" at the Strand theatre Sunday and Monday. All those who saw "Back to God's Country" and "The River's End," masterpieces from the workshop of this author, realize they are justified in expecting something extraordinary in the latest picturization of his brand of outdoors, Far North fiction. This film is an Associated First National attraction and it is said to be one of the very best features ever offered by this organization. The three high-lights in the production, according to advance information, are: the remarkable performance of animals including many wild ones in general and a pet bear and dog in particular; a forest fire which is accredited with setting a new high mark in realism and thrills; and, a romance of all-absorbing qualities quite different than the ordinary run of love affairs so universal in the movies. The cast which has been selected to play the various picturesque roles in this intense drama of the wildest of God's country includes such stars as Betty Blythe, Lon Chaney, Lewis Stone, Melbourne McDowell and Spottiswood Aitken.

OBITUARY

George Eugene Weeks was born in Walton township, Eaton county, on November 21, 1866, and died at his home on North Clinton street, March 19, 1921.

In 1878 he moved to Gratiot county, near Alma, where he resided until a year ago when he with his family moved to Charlotte. He was united in marriage to Miss Saphronia Veeder October 25, 1898. To this union two children were born—Miss Cella and Elmer, who were at home with the father. He also leaves one brother, Myron Weeks, of Shepherd, Mich., and one adopted sister, Mrs. Minnie Thompson, of Ithaca, Mich. Mr. Weeks has been a farmer most of his life and has been very industrious and frugal in his habits. He was kind hearted, genial and accommodating with his friends. He was a kind father and a trusted friend.

We would be pleased to show you samples of Canaan coal. Brown-Ward Co., phone 27.—60f.

SEVILLE-SUMNER FARM CLUB

The Seville-Sumner Farmer's club will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rockwell three and one-half miles north of Elwell on April 7, at 11:00 a. m. The following will be the program: Music. Call to order. Invocation, Rev. Strong. Roll Call. Music. Potluck dinner. 1:30 p. m.—Music. Minutes of last meeting. Address, H. S. Barcock. Discussion, The Farm or Factory, led by James Gargett. Music.

ARCADA CENTER

There was a good attendance at the Arcada Sunday School Sunday which was held in Perry school house. The Easter services were especially interesting. Mr. Wright, county superintendent of religious education, gave a splendid and instructive address on the death and resurrection of Christ. Rev. Peter White of Alma will preach next Sunday at 3 p. m. Sunday School will be held at 2 p. m. Perry school is four miles out on the cemetery road.

NOTICE

The Alma Candy Co., Inc., has changed hands. Mr. F. M. Baker retires from the business and Mr. E. Frank MacCallum-Mhor remains. All business transactions, paying of bills or collecting of accounts of said firm or transacting any form of business whatsoever must be done through the said E. Frank MacCallum-Mhor or his duly authorized agents.—adv.

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The Republican Candidates, to Be Elected to State Offices April 4



Seven of the ten Republican candidates for state offices heeded the demands of the people of Michigan that they seek re-election. Justices Joseph B. Moore, and Joseph H. Steere, both of Lansing, are candidates for re-election. Howard Wiest, of Lansing is a candidate to fill a vacancy. Victor M. Gore, of Benton Harbor and Walter H. Sawyer, of Hilldale are now regents of the University of Michigan and seek re-election. John A. Doelle, of Marquette, and Melville B. McPherson, of Lowell, candidates for places as members of the State Board of Agriculture, are newcomers. Thomas E. Johnson of Lansing, is candidate for re-election as Superintendent of Public Instruction and Frederick A. Jeffers, of Painesdale, seeks re-election as member of the State Board of Education. Frank F. Rogers, of Lansing, is now State Highway Commissioner and seeks re-election.

She States It Mildly.

While suffering with a severe attack of the grip and threatened with pneumonia, Mrs. Annie H. Cooley of Middlefield, Conn., began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and was very much benefited by its use. The pains in the chest soon disappeared, the cough became loose, expectoration easy and in a short time she was as well as ever. Mrs. Cooley says she cannot speak too highly in praise of this remedy.—89-5w.

Back Hurt?

When the kidneys do not properly do their work or purify the blood stream, waste products and poisonous acids remain in the system and cause backache, rheumatic pains, lumbago, sore muscles, swollen joints, stiffness, lame back and similar symptoms.

Foley Kidney Pills

regulate and restore the healthy, normal action of kidneys and bladder, bringing clean blood and better health, with freedom from aches and pains.

J. George Burges, Bennington, Vt., writes: "Last fall I was attacked with lumbago and suffered untold agony. I had a severe pain across my back and at times could not dress or undress myself. I was advised to take Foley Kidney Pills for my trouble. After taking them for a few days the pain in my back left me and I have not had any lumbago since that time, although that was months ago. I recommend Foley Kidney Pills to all who have lumbago."

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Surely There's a Reason!

There are three distinct reasons for the majority of foot troubles

1st—And no doubt the cause of the average foot aches and pains is **Wrongly Fitted Shoes** the fault of the person fitted or the fitter.

2nd—And an exceptional factor is the **construction** of the shoes worn. Too many shoes are weakly constructed, poor foundation—too weak to support the weight and strain of the body, due to improper shank construction.

3rd—The **quality** and shoemaking generally—poor quality naturally means poor or neglected workmanship

Next week the Kind of Shoe Construction and Why It Is BEST

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